

HOUSE BILL 1855

By Rudd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to limiting new
statewide assessments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department of education and the state board of education are prohibited from mandating any statewide assessments for any grades or subjects beyond those assessments required as of the 2016-2017 school year until the 2021-2022 school year. The department shall ensure all data associated with existing assessments is accurate and timely.

(b) This section does not apply to assessments required by federal law, assessments required for the implementation of response to instruction and intervention, or to required field tests, or prohibit LEAs from voluntarily participating in assessments developed by the department of education or prohibit LEAs from requiring district-approved assessments.

(c) The department of education shall report, at least annually, to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives all actions or procedures that have been implemented to ensure all data associated with existing assessments is accurate and timely.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.